

Washington D.C.- Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed two amendments he introduced prohibiting the use of federal funds contained in the continuing resolution for FY 2011 to implement and enforce ObamaCare. The first King amendment, #267, prohibits any funds contained within the continuing resolution from being used to carry out ObamaCare's provisions. As an additional fail-safe to prevent ObamaCare's enforcement and implementation, the second King amendment, #268, prohibits any funds contained within the continuing resolution from being used to pay the salary of any officer or employee of any federal department or agency who attempts to implement ObamaCare.

"It makes no sense for federal funds to be spent on a law that Americans have rejected, that the House has voted to repeal, and that two federal courts have ruled unconstitutional," said King. "By passing my defunding amendments, the House of Representatives has taken another important step toward uprooting the law from the U.S. Code."

King's amendments were added to H.R.1, the continuing resolution that provides funding for government operations. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed language King authored to repeal ObamaCare "as if such Act had not been enacted" as a component of H.R.2, the Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act.

Language similar to King's amendment #268 was also added to the continuing resolution by the House through an amendment offered by Rep. Dennis Rehberg (R-MT), the Chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over much of ObamaCare.

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